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CANBERRA FOR AGATT AND BELL

PASS AGRICULTURE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, ETRD

SUBJECT: MEAT TRADE RESTRICTIONS

REF: (A) TOFAS 372; (B) TOKYO 8270; (C) STATE 133281

1. AS FOLLOWUP TO REPORT BY AGATT IN REF (A) OF JUN 12 THAT MAF CONSIDERING IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPORT LEVY SYSTEM FOR BEEF SIMILAR TO THAT NOW IN EFFECT FOR PORK, AGATT MET WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) OF MAF LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY BUREAU JUNE 21. DG SAID THIS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL PROPOSALS BY VARIOUS GROUPS THAT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. ALSO THAT SUCH SYSTEM COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT DIET APPROVAL AND DIET NOW OUT OF SESSION UNTIL ABOUT SEPT. HOWEVER, DG POINTED OUT THAT PRESENT IQ SYSTEM IS ONLY PROGRAM TO PROTECT BEEF PRODUCERS AS COMPARED TO VARIOUS SUPPORT MEASURES AND PROTECTION AFFORDED DAIRY, PORK AND

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POULTRY PRODUCERS (HE FAILED TO MENTION 25 PERCENT DUTY

AND VARIOUS SUBSIDIES FURNISHED TO BEEF CATTLE RAISERS).
THEREFORE, MAF IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATION
FOR NEW BEEF PROGRAM BY END OF AUGUST.

2. AGATT BELIEVES PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH IMPORT LEVY
SYSTEM FOR BEEF (ESPECIALLY DAIRY TYPE BEEF) AS NOW
EXISTS FOR PORK IS HIGH ON LIST OF MAF ALTERNATIVES. FOR
THAT REASON, AND OBVIOUS BARRIER THIS WOULD REPRESENT FOR
US BEEF EXPORTS, EMBASSY SUGGESTS IT BE INSTRUCTED TO
INFORM GOJ THAT USG OPPOSES INTRODUCTION OF SUCH SYSTEM
WHICH WOULD IMPEDE LEVEL OF US BEEF IMPORTS AND WHICH
WOULD RUN COUNTER TO TREND TOWARD REDUCTION OF TRADE
BARRIERS. ADVICE ON MORE DETAILED PRESENTATION WOULD BE
APPRECIATED. VISIT OF BELL MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TIME FOR
MAKING SUCH REPRESENTATIONS.

3. REF (C) RECEIVED AFTER REF (B) SENT AND CLARIFIES US
POSITION RE PREVIOUS PRESS SPECULATION HERE HAD DG'S
BELIEF THAT US CONSIDERING IMPOSITION OF MEAT IMPORT
QUOTAS OR NEGOTIATION OF A FORMAL VOLUNTARY
RESTRAINT PROGRAM BY EXPORTERS. MEETINGS SCHEDULED DURING
BELL'S VISIT WILL OBVIOUSLY SERVE TO CLARIFY THIS AND
OTHER QUESTIONS.

4. REPLY TO ACTION REQUESTED PARA 4 REFTL (C) WILL FOLLOW
SEPARATELY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS AS DESCRIBED PARA 2.
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